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AND TERMINAL PROTECTION COVER ATTACHING METHOD**

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-22654, published January 23, 1998 (with English abstract).

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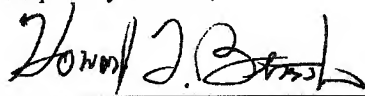
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